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131st Infantry Joins TIS

The arrival of the 131st Infantry Regiment from Camp Van Dorn, Miss., for service as a demonstration unit for The Infantry School was announced Monday by Brig. Gen. Henry P. Perrine, commanding general of the School Troops Brigade.

It was also announced that one battalion from the 89th Infantry, also at Camp Van Dorn, had arrived and had been inactivated as a battalion in the 131st. The reorganization of the regiment to its full strength is now under way.

The 131st, commanded by Col. John E. Ardrey, will be located in the Harmony Church area in the barracks formerly occupied by the 124th Infantry which has completed its transfer to Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

The latest addition to the Infantry School Troops Brigade is a former National Guard outfit from Chicago. It was mustered into federal service in March 1941, and in 1942, it was sent to Fort Bragg, N.C., as part of the 2nd Division. During the following summer, it took part in the Louisiana Maneuvers and was sent to Fort Bragg, N.C., in March of 1942, to guard the vital locks of the So Canal.

In September of this year, it was shifted to Camp Van Dorn. The regiment has been serving on the Mexican border prior to World War I and in the World War as part of the 23rd Division. It also saw service in the Spanish-American War.

The unit was originally known as the 131st Infantry. Nearly 40 per cent of its present personnel comes from the vicinity of New York City, however.

The 124th, which was a demonstration unit, was formerly a National Guard outfit in Florida and was inducted into the Army in 1940. After participating in maneuvers, the regiment was sent to the Infantry School in December 1941.

Headquarters of all installations, including The Infantry School, Seventh Armored Division, Parachute School and Lawson Field, are co-operating in the campaign. Col. William H. Hobson, commanding officer at the Post, announced.

It was urged that units and householders on the Post save all possible material for the scrap drive while cleaning up quarters during the week. Collections in the scrap campaign now are made regularly on the Post.

All grounds and buildings are to be put in shape and repairs that are necessary should be noted, Col. Hobson stated.



Lawson Field Crash Kills 20

Twenty United States Army officers and men, including five air corps personnel and 15 paratroopers, were instantly killed at Lawson Field last Friday night when their transport plane crashed and burned.

A board of Army Air Force officers was immediately assigned to investigate every phase of the crash and ascertain its exact cause.

Meanwhile, spokesmen for the post pointed out that the disaster was the first of its kind in the more than two and one-half years that America's corps of paratroopers have been training at Benning.

In that period more than 250,000 jumps have been made, and scores of routine flights similar to the one last Friday night have been made daily.

News of the crash was withheld under a new ruling which requires that accurate identities of casualties must be established and the next of kin notified before the public is informed of such accidents. The stated reason for this ruling is to avoid alarming the parents of thousands of men undergoing similar training, and making them the victims of uncertainty even for a few hours.

LIST OF DEAD
The list of dead: AIR CORPS PERSONNEL: Second Lt. Gerald A. Schaffer, Pittsburgh, Pa.

First Lt. Milton W. Grieg, Baltimore, Md.
Sgt. Robert W. Farmer, Dayton, Ohio.
Pfc. Donald M. Schroeder, Los Angeles, Calif.

Pfc. Frank J. Sloboda, East Chicago, Ind.
PARACHUTE SCHOOL PERSONNEL:
Sgt. Phillip L. Schone, Syracuse, Neb.

Anthony Florio, Norristown, Pa.
Sgt. Angelo Lagrega, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Pfc. Angelo L. Alvarado, New York.

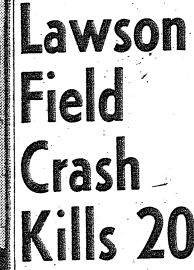
Pfc. Clinton E. Argo, Holton, Kansas.
Pfc. Charles B. Barnes, Jr., Gallena, Kan.
Pfc. Paul D. Beerbohm, Valley Falls, Kan.

Pvt. Louis J. Stuppia, Rochester, N.Y.
Pvt. Claire L. Mock, Ainsworth, Nebraska.
Pvt. John E. Robertson, Newport, Ky.

Pvt. Ralph D. Atwood, Alton, Indiana.
Pvt. John F. Anderson, Jeffersonville, Ind.
Pvt. Kenneth C. Brayton, Livingston, Mich.

Mural M. Allman, Landis, North Carolina.
Pvt. Bernard D. Bedell, Port Jervis, N.Y.

PONTIFICAL MASS
The special mission for Catholic soldiers at Fort Benning will be concluded Sunday with the celebration of a Pontifical Mass and the conferring of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The service will be conducted on Gowdy Field by Bishop William T. McCarthy, military delegate to the Army and Navy. The rites will begin at 10 a. m. and last several hours, and of troops of the Catholic faith will attend.



Gen. McClure Visits School

Officer Describes Pacific Battles To TIS Faculty

Brig. Gen. Robert B. McClure, from the office of the Secretary of War, left Fort Benning early this week following a tour of the Infantry School's installations last week. Highlight of his visit to the School was his address to the faculty during which he described the fighting at Pearl Harbor and on Guadalcanal.

His visit was something of a homecoming for the General who attended Officers' Advanced Class here in 1929. He met many old friends among the faculty, some of whom with whom he had served in various departments.

At the time of Pearl Harbor, he was on the staff of the Hawaiian Department and later commanded the 35th Infantry. He was transferred to the South Pacific and had charge of the operations which cleaned the Japs out of Guadalcanal. For this he recently received the Legion of Merit.

His military career began in the Naval Academy, but prior to the First World War, he shifted his allegiance to the Army. He fought in most of the important battles of that war and was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart. Prior to the present conflict, he served on the staff of the Second Division which tested the new triangular division set-up of the Army.

General McClure is well versed in Army Schools. Besides the Officers' Advanced Class here, he was graduated from the Army War College, Command and General Staff School, Tank School and Chemical Warfare Officers' School.

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Jane Sees Hubby Play But She Stays In Wrong Stands!

Mrs. Bob Waterfield, formerly Jane Russell of Hollywood fame, came to watch her husband play an Army football game at Doughboy Stadium on Sunday—but she was late to change over so she was in the wrong stands.

When she realized that Bob was playing for the 176th and that the Spirit rooster section was on the south side of the field, it was kick-off time and she was late to change over so she was in the wrong stands.

Along with Mrs. Andy Dush, wife of another 176th backfield star, Jane found a seat amidst the Saber roosters and proceeded to try to out-yell the 300th. Needless to say she had an interesting afternoon in the wrong stands.

Her efforts must have brought results, though, because the Spirit rooster won the game and Jane's handsome hubby scored his first touch-down of the year to clinch the game in the final period.

Even though wife was in the wrong stands!



Colonel Lord Appointed CO Of First STR

Colonel Roomska Takes Advanced Work; Relieved By Personal Request

Colonel Robert H. Lord, former commanding officer of the Third Student Training Regiment, has been placed in command of the First Student Training Regiment, succeeding Colonel John S. Roomska, Major General Charles H. Bonesteel, announced.

Colonel Roomska, at his own request has been relieved to enable him to attend an advanced class in the School.

Colonel Lord, a regular Army officer since 1917, has served at Fort Benning as executive officer of the 1st STR, relinquishing these duties when the 3rd STR was activated in order to assume its command. He commanded the Student Training Brigade until orders were published inactivating it. He then named acting Infantry School Inspector, holding this job until ordered to the 1st STR as commanding officer.

Colonel Roomska, a graduate of West Point, formerly commanded the 6th ASTP Regiment. He assumed command of the 1st STR this summer.



STEPHEN T. EARLY, secretary to President Roosevelt, visited Fort Benning's Infantry school Tuesday to see his son, Stephen T. Early, Jr., graduate. Pictured (above) on the platform at the close of ceremonies are Chaplain William G. Kirschbaum; Col. John D. Hill, commander of the third Student Training Regiment from which young Early was graduated; Col. William H. Hobson, Fort Benning commander; Brig. Gen. George H. Weems, assistant commander of the Infantry school; Maj. General C. H. Bonesteel, TIS commandant; Maj. Gen. Alexander D. Surles, director of the War department bureau of public relations; Col. William R. Orton, director of Officer Candidate training; and Lt. Col. Charles K. Dillingham, young Early's battalion commander. Below, Mr. Early pins the bars of a second lieutenant on the shoulders of his son, Mr. Early was the principal speaker at the graduation exercises. (Official U. S. Army Photos—The Infantry School.)

Post Passes \$30,000 Mark In War Fund Contribution

Contributions and pledges amounting to more than \$30,000 have already been subscribed to the National War Fund by military and civilian personnel at Fort Benning, as was disclosed yesterday by General Chairman Walter S. Fulton, former commanding officer of the post and now serving as Muscogee County chairman of the War Fund campaign.

Various chairmen of organizational drives at the post indicate that contributions to the War Fund drive may surpass the record of \$33,000 which was subscribed to the Red Cross drive last spring.

General Fulton was high in his praise of the personnel at Fort Benning for their gifts to the War Fund. "I am especially pleased with the wholehearted response by both military and civilian personnel at Fort Benning for their cooperation in the current War Fund drive," General Fulton said yesterday. "I hope that Fort Benning will establish another enviable record to match the response in the school headquarters have

that we made in this past year's Red Cross Drive." On Tuesday afternoon, The Infantry School indicated that pledges then amounted to \$4,686. However, officers who are coordinating the drive in the school pointed out that more pledges were forthcoming and that it was hoped that actual contributions would exceed pledges. Officers providing they can prove dependency.

Congress Votes Higher Rates For Dependents
First checks to dependents at the increased rates, provided by Congress this week, will probably go out at the end of November, according to word received at Fort Benning.

The rates are effective starting the first of the month after the bill is signed by the President. Unless the President delays signing the bill until after November 1, the higher rates become effective November 1.

The following schedule has been announced:
Dependent Old New
Child but no dependent \$50 \$50
Wife and 1 child 62 80
Wife and 2 children 72 100
Additional children (each) 10 20
Additional children but no wife (each) 10 20
Wife divorced and 1 child 42 48
Wife divorced and 2 children 54 72
Additional children wife divorced (each) 10 20

Sabers Battle Daniel Field

Augusta Fliers Invade Stadium On Sunday For Return Tilt With 300th

Daniel Field's aerial-minded Fliers, fresh from impressive victories over Georgia and Presbyterian, will invade Doughboy Stadium on Sunday afternoon for a return bout with the 300th Infantry Sabers in the first inter-camp game of the 1943 campaign at Fort Benning. Kickoff is slated for 2 o'clock.

The once-proud Sabers smashed the Fliers into submission three weeks ago at Augusta by a top-heavy 39-6 count, but since that eventful evening at the Richmond Academy stadium, the rival soldier elevens have trod far different paths.

The Fliers rebounded from their loss to the Sabers and rode roughshod over the Georgia Bulldogs the very next week to record an 18-7 triumph. They followed this up last Saturday night with a 14 victory over a good, little Presbyterian College machine.

Meanwhile, the Sabers went down before the third-period onslaught of the 300th by 14-0 last Sunday, have an open date on their schedule this week-end and will sit in the stands and watch the Saber-Daniel Field Fliers. Next week-end the Spirits travel to Augusta, Ga., to meet the Fliers on their home gridiron at Richmond Academy Stadium.

HARD FIGHT LOOMS
As a result of this unexpected turn of events, Sunday's return match between Daniel and the 300th looms as another big weekend grid extravaganza. The Augusta Fliers boast a lineup studded with almost as many stars as the Sabers. Scheduled Sabers will have in uniform:

Coached by Capt. Hefley H. Stoval, LSU backfield star of a decade ago, the Air Force eleven lives up to its traditions by waging most of its grid warfare in the airplanes. Their passing attack has been better as the season progressed, is now calculated to be one of the best in the nation.

BYOVM IS ACE
In Tony DiTomo, former Temple Owl, they have a crack flipper whose accuracy has been amazing. This 210-pound youth also directs the Flier attack from the quarterback slot. He has compiled a neat record of completions, pitching most of the time ends and a Longshore of Northwestern and

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Col. Hobson Tells Woman's Club of Odyssey

By KATHERINE HAMMARGREN
Ninety women listened to vivid descriptions of countries to which their husbands may be sent or in which they have already seen action when Colonel William Hobson, commanding officer of Fort Benning, spoke to the Cuban Women's Club Monday afternoon. So enthusiastically was his talk received that club members have requested that he appear before the group again to tell more of his experiences overseas.

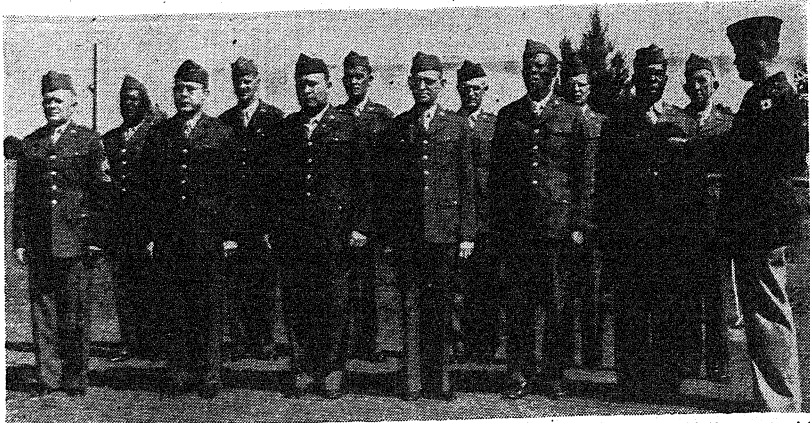
Talking to the women as members of his post family, Col. Hobson traced his tour overseas from the time he told Harry Hopkins he wanted to go in order to "sell this war" until his plane landed there at dawn after having taken the northern air route from Washington to Maine and thence to Newfoundland. The soldiers in Iceland, he said, were not in the line again, but their sense of duty holds them to their station just as it does every other American soldier.

Col. Hobson was impressed on his two hour trip through the center of England to London, to find every inch of available ground under cultivation. In England he lived for a time with the American Eighth air force, talking to the men and watching them as they went on their missions of death.

WONDERFUL RESULTS
"These men are accomplishing wonderful results with frightful sacrifices," he said. "Sometimes as many as ten per cent don't come back. There is a second front—an air front going on day in and day out. The air man believes he can conquer Germany by air, and is willing to make a sacrifice to prove it. There is an air war going on, but in my opinion you will never defeat the German army until a land army crosses the channel into France. It is a long, rough road before Hitler and his gang crack up."

Throughout his stay in Great Britain, Col. Hobson went through prison camps and defense centers. He talked to farmers, to soldiers, to girls where, he said, every girl is in uniform and determined to win the war. The standard of living of the poorest Georgia farmer, he explained, is higher than that of the nobility in England at the present time.

SENSE OF HUMILITY
"I left England with a sense of humility and a realization of how far away we are from the war," he said. "We have made no sacrifices compared to the British."



GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS were awarded to 412 members of Medical Detachment, Sections I and II, at a review ceremony at the Station Hospital at Fort Benning. In four platoons the men lined up and received the medals from Maj. John B. Joyner, commanding officer of both detachments. They then marched in review before Col. W. L. Starnes, commanding officer of the Station Hospital. Included in the veterans of army service who received the awards were 14 non-commissioned officers with a total of 280 years of service. Twelve of them are shown in the picture here receiving their ribbons from Maj. Joyner. Front row, left to right, Mr. Sgt. William C. Cullifer, 23 years; Tech. Sgt. Beth Taylor, 18 years; Tech. Sgt. Charles P. Shaw, 13 years; Tech. Sgt. Andrew S. Pope, 16 years; Sgt. Mike Henley, 28 years; Sgt. Henry Smith, 18 years. Back row, left to right, Sgt. Henry Allen, 30 years; Staff Sgt. Carlton Rutledge, 13 years; Master Sgt. Paul O. Vance, 23 years; Staff Sgt. Henry J. Huff, 17 years. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)



A NEW CONTINGENT of Brazilian officers has arrived at the Infantry School and been assigned to the First Student Training Regiment as observers. Lt. John A. Moore of the U. S. Army, interpreter for the group, is shown orienting the Brazilians upon the arrival at their barracks. Crouched over the map are Capt. Malvino K. Neto, Major Zacharias N. Muller, Capt. Alvaro A. dos Santos, Capt. Floriano P. Correa, and Lt. L. M. Zacharias N. Muller. In the rear are Lt. H. G. S. de Avelar, Capt. R. A. de C. Muniz de Aragao, Ney da Silva, de Menezes-Paes, Lt. Rosalvo E. Jansp, Capt. M. Val Porto de Sa, Capt. Edgar H. de Abreu and Lt. Nicolau J. de Seixas. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

But when the time comes, no one will make greater sacrifices than the American soldier and the American girl."

Col. Hobson described vividly the contrast between sordidness and luxury in Algeria. He told of Gen. Patton's regiment which marched 56 miles in 36 hours, with American nurses right behind them to look after casualties.

1st STR Wac Is Strictly From A Service Family

The Infantry School's 1st Student Training Regiment has acquired its first W.A.C. officer. She's 2nd Lieutenant Madeleine G. Nelson who now serves as assistant personnel officer in charge of the pay section.

In civilian life, Lieutenant Nelson was an executive in the office of the Chief of Ordnance at Washington, D. C. She graduated from the Women's Army Corps OCS at Fort Des Moines, Ia., in April 1943, and was assistant personnel officer at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., before coming to Benning.

Daughter of Mrs. Gertrude C. Smith, of 131-56 226th Street, Laurelton, Long Island, Lieutenant Nelson's is strictly a service family. She was born on Kauai, one of the Hawaiian Islands. Her husband, deceased in 1932, had risen to chief pay clerk after 20 years in the Navy.

Lieutenant Nelson's son is Technical Sergeant Robert Nelson, 25, who has been in the Army Air Forces since his 18th birthday. He has just returned to the States from three years duty in Panama and Trinidad, and is now station at Tuskegee, Okla.

ties. He pictured one division which landed in Italy on September 8 to fight one of the bloodiest battles of the war. He took his listeners with him from Dakar to Natal, Brazil, and to beautiful airfields en route to the United States.

"A woman can do a lot for her husband by doing her best while he is here," Col. Hobson reminded his listeners in conclusion. "Go with him, and make a home for him. Make him ready to fight and die for it and you. Get busy at the Red Cross and the P-T-A. I don't mean for you to neglect your babies; but lots of you don't have babies. You could do more than you are doing."

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Colonel Walsh Serves As First STR Executive

Succeeding Captain Vernon Rulison as executive officer of the Infantry School's 1st Student Training Regiment is Lieutenant Colonel Charles E. Walsh, Jr., who brings 17 years' experience as an infantry officer to bear on the special problems of his new position. His appointment was announced by Colonel John S. Roosa, Commanding Officer of the 1st S.T.R.

A resident of Albany, New York, Walsh attended the Manlius School at Manlius, N. Y., from 1919 to 1921.

Having enlisted in the New York National Guard, he was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in 1926. He had risen to major by October 15, 1940, when the guard was inducted into federal service.

With his unit, Walsh served at Fort McClellan, Ala., from October 1940 to December 1941. The day after Pearl Harbor his outfit, then in an advanced state of training, was alerted and entrained for Fort Ord, California.

After three months on the west coast, Walsh boarded a transport for Hawaii. He was stationed at Kamuela from March to October 1942, and at Fort Ruger, on Oahu, from October to March '43. Colonel Walsh is a graduate of two Infantry School classes. In June 1931 he completed the Company Officers (now the Basic) course, and in July 1941, the Advanced course. Five months later he was graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Father of Colonel Walsh is Brigadier General Charles E. Walsh, Sr. (ret.), of 126 Western Avenue, Albany, N. Y. Walsh, Sr. enlisted in the New York National Guard back in 1894 and climbed the hard ladder of commissioned as well as enlisted grades all the way from buck private to brigadier general. He fought in the Spanish-American and first World Wars, and for 18 years commanded the 10th Infantry, N.Y.N.G. General Walsh retired in 1935 upon reaching the age limit.

3 LUCKIES PROMOTED

The following enlisted men of the 774th Tank Bn., 7th A. D., have received promotions it was announced today by the "Lucky Sevenths" Public Relations Office: To staff sergeant, Albert J. Burch, and Frank C. Klimas; to technician fifth grade, Raymond H. Aden.

"Many places we visited have been sabotaged by the Danish people, such as their great Diesel engine plant. The Danes are not a race to accept oppression passively," he concluded.

Army Has Miniature Infantry School in Africa

A miniature infantry school near Rabat, French Morocco, established by United States Army officers and men, and attended by officers of the French army, including the Goumiers and Spahis, accomplished a lot in familiarizing the French with American weapons and equipment which they are now using.

This is one of the stories brought back by Maj. Robert C. Williams, Jr., of Spring Valley, N. Y., a battalion commander who has accompanied the French to the Infantry School at Fort Benning where the knowledge gained by his experiences is being incorporated into the program of changing the school's instruction to meet the needs of battle. He is one of many officers in this war who have been assigned to the school for this purpose.

The African "Infantry School," which was not so official name, but will serve as a close link of identification, was set up near the Mamorak cork forests. American officers and NCOs conducted their classes on the same pattern as those conducted in the school here. The French were taught the disassembly and assembly and functioning of all the American weapons. They were then given an opportunity to fire them. Major Williams reported the French were very receptive to the instructions, although the procedure was difficult until some aspirants became available as interpreters. All the instruction was translated and incorporated into book form.

For his services in the school Major Williams was made an honorary commandant of Goumiers.

The landing of the American troops at Fedala was no surprise to the French defenders. Searchlights on shore played over the harbor in regular sweeps and everything was apparently serene. The landing boats every light in the harbor went out and tracer bullets began flashing out from the shore. The French had four hours of warning to get prepared for the attack.

Despite this warning, the American forces did not suffer many casualties. They were at a disadvantage, however, in the matter of fire-power on land. The French had their coastal batteries and

navy, while the Americans had only 75-mm. pack howitzers, minus transportation.

After Casablanca surrendered, the Third Division, with which Major Williams had landed, moved to the Spanish border and from there to an invasion training camp at Mostaganem where it underwent weeks of intensive training. It was here that the planes for the invasion of Sicily were worked out and these troops bulwarked the actual invasion. Major Williams at that time was assigned to the plans and training branch which mapped the invasion plans.

Of the officers who were in his battalion, Major Williams had nothing but the highest praise. Many of them were commissioned from the Officer Candidate School here at Fort Benning and most of them were former non-combat engineers whose job was to clear away mine fields and neutralize booby traps. "A couple of days on a job like that would drive any man nuts," he said. "Figure it out—you never know but what the next object you touch will turn out to be a booby trap."

The major, who is a West Pointer, class of '39, was evacuated because of a leg injury which he sustained when jumping into a fox hole during an artillery barrage. The shrapnel didn't bother him but the injury to his leg was aggravated and eventually forced his evacuation. Aboard ship, he suffered an attack of malaria but was treated for pneumonia, all of which didn't enhance his general state of health.

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H. C. WAC's Put On Army Hour Radio Show

Twenty members of the WAC Detachment, TIS, Section I, Harmony Church area, appeared Sunday on WRBL's week Army Hour program.

The program included: Benning Girls, sung by the entire cast and composed by Cpl. Alta Riffle, a former songstress over CBS and NBC air lanes; "Embraceable You," by Pfc. Harriet Rogguy; "Back in the Saddle Again," guitar and vocal by Pvt. Mabel Turner; "Summertime," vocal by Cpl. Riffle; and "Paradise," a piano solo by Pfc. Louise Tait.

The cast put on a skit pertaining to preparation for the Saturday morning inspection and the inspection itself which was well performed.

Pfc. Anna Cartledge, formerly active in church choirs, sang "In My Garden"; and Sgt. Glenna Popp sang and played with guitar her own composition entitled "Retreat."

Others participating include St. Sgt. Muriel Seaton, Cpl. Eloise Roller, Sgt. Jeanne Nodder, Pfc. Helen Berman, Pfc. Helen Hopp, Pfc. Kathryn Brown, Cpl. Elsie Eklof, Cpl. Mary Foster, Pfc. Mabel Turner, Yolanda Morgando, Marilyn Crum, Sgt. Ethel Drake, and Pvt. Jane Russell.

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—Mrs. Frances Evans Dyke of Chicago, Ill.

And This Be Our Motto In God Is Our Trust

One of the chief causes of the world turmoil today is the fact that so many humans have forgotten God. If they remembered God, and realized His power and goodness, they would be more apt to guide their lives along the paths of justice, charity and peace.

But Man forgot justice and charity and peace and God—and here we are.

More than any other nation, we Americans are close to God. The principles upon which our government is founded approximate more than any other the Christly ideal. In a democracy there is, by law, justice and charity. Too, there is freedom of thought, expression and (within the bounds of the common good) action. The law of Prohibition didn't last in this country because it denied the people a right guaranteed by our Constitution. Americans are fundamentally just and honest people and elect officers of government who are the same and who represent the common thought.

However, how close to their Creator are the people—the Man in the Street?

History points out the futility of forgetting God. Every nation that has gone against God's Will and Law has wound up behind the eight ball. The Empire of Rome—and more recently, Nazi Germany and the Fascist regime in Italy.

Should not Americans, particularly American soldiers who are in a sense modern crusaders for justice and right and peace, come to and stay close to their Maker? Isn't it a bit futile to sing:

"Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just."

And this be our motto: "In God is our Trust" in the National Anthem, and to inscribe "In God We Trust" on the coin of the realm, if the same sentiment isn't permanently engraven in the heart of every citizen?

Think it over!

Sure, there aren't any atheists in foxholes! Why should there be any atheists in America? "In God is our Trust!"

J. P. R.
4th Co., 1st Bn.,
6th Training Regiment, ASTP

Now Who Said Wimmen Can't Fight

Somebody sez that wimmen would make first class fightin' soldiers . . . Such phooey . . . tsk, tsk . . . They would cause more trouble than newspapers in yer modern plumbin'!

I got me a date with a cute little WAC last night . . . just to see fer myself whether or not I was right . . . First off, she wanted to know why I was wearing a wedding band . . . I sez it was me granddaddy's and I wore it fer sentiment . . . She sez mm-mm . . . (meaning she thinks I yam full of more potential baloney than the hills of Virginy . . .)

I sez to her . . . do you think you would make a good fightin' soldier . . . She sez mm-mm . . . (meaning certainly, why not) . . . I sez . . . oh, I dunno, wimmen remind me of a juke box . . . Ya never know after ya drop yer nickel in what's gonna come outta that doggone thing!

She sez . . . mm-mm with a kiddy laugh . . . (meaning don't be gettin' so darn cocksure of yerself, brother)

I sez . . . what would you wimmen do on maneuvers . . . I sez ya have as much privacy as a water spigot in a trailer camp . . . I sez ya get more contact with dirt than the bottom of yer foot-locker . . . and ya try to get some sleep just when that kernel needs a reconnaissance patrol to scout down the road a piece . . . about fifteen miles!!!

And I sez . . . they would clip off that pretty hair of yorn like that branches off a Briarwood pile!!! I sez what wimmen would go thru that . . . I sez would you? . . . I sez . . . She sez mm-mm . . . (Yup!) . . . I sez . . . aw, I dunno about that . . . I sez I appreciate the fact that wimmen go thru a lot of suffering in a life time . . . but us men wouldn't mind that baby business iffen we had to . . . She sez . . . mm-mm-m-m-m-hahaha! (a very embarrassing horse laff!!!)

I sez . . . what would ya do in the tank outfit . . . Ya' haffa wear suspensurs . . . or a tourniquet or sumpin' to keep yer stockings from falling down . . . She sez . . . mm . . . (don't get fess, bub) and I sez tha parytroops is out! . . . ya'd have more trouble than those air holes in that fun house at Coney Island!!!

She sez . . . iffen we wimmen . . . (mebbe yer right) I sez . . . iffen some barbed wire got too familiar . . . it ain't the same as walkin' back to a fifth avenue store and as ya want yer money back cause they sold ya some defective lingery!!! . . . She sez . . . mm-mm . . . (so what?) I sez . . . well them's my opinions and I don't see how it is possible fer our American wimmen to be as tough as our men . . . I sez and you agree with me don'tcha? . . . She sez . . . mm . . . (nope!) . . . I sez, why nylon regt!!! My WAC friend looks up over just two good infantry men could whip a whole me head . . . I sez . . . whattsamatter, da ya see a head-on wreck? . . . She looks back at me and sez . . . mm-mm (yass-sir!!!)

Suddenly I gets a whiff of perfume I brought back from South America . . . and me wife is the only woman in the U. S. that has that certain whiff, jess . . . one second later . . . "The WAC with her darn jiu jitsu had me against that wass as useless as a pinup girl!!!!"

I felt so dolgone funny . . . like when tha deacon passed tha collection plate back and sez no bus tokens, please . . .

Me own little howitzer shook me up worse'n

a telephone hook in the PX!!!! . . . I finally wobbled outta that place as dignified as a patch on the seat of a cowboy's pantz!!!!

Somebody sez wimmen'd make first class fightin' soldiers . . . m-m!!!! (somebody is damtootin' correct!!!)

CPL. GEORGE JOHNSTON,
22nd CO. 1ST STR

The Army's Secrets Must Be Protected

Geography takes on new meaning as hardened soldiers, sailors, and marines of the United States meet treacherous foes in battle zones scattered around the globe.

Many members of the Armed Forces are fighting for their country in spaces far removed from continental limits—in areas extending from the Pacific to the Mediterranean.

Great numbers of others are in training camps in this country—preparing each day for combat duty or manning the administrative and supply systems, necessarily of vast proportions.

Whether an individual has been assigned duties which keep him at present in this country or duties which he performs in the front lines thousands of miles away, he bears in any case the same responsible relationship to the security of military information.

He must learn to keep strictly to himself the military information which has been entrusted to his care. He must make the safeguarding of military information a matter of second nature.

It is obvious that no matter how wonderful a soldier's record may otherwise be, he still is of no value to this country, if he undoes his good work by careless talk which results in more loss to our cause than he inflicts on the enemy.

A football back who makes a brilliant touchdown for his team, and then lets the opponents make two through fumbles and poor team-play, has a net score of minus one touchdown, any way you look at it.

His team would have been better off without him just as the baseball team is well rid of the center fielder who comes through with a homer while at bat and then makes a fielding error that lets two runs in to lose the game at the last of the ninth.

Just as each member of the eleven-man football team and each member of the nine-man baseball team must be "on the alert" for the welfare of his team, so each member of the huge American fighting team must keep on the alert for the welfare of his team and his country, now engaged in mortal combat with Axis enemies who are still powerful.

With the enemies on the defensive, they are more than ever anxious to learn our military secrets.

They hope to secure our military information and, making use of this, to turn some of their defeats into victories.

Keep firmly to yourself the military information which is entrusted to your care.

Be an effective member of the big Army team. Defeat the Axis at every turn. Protect the Army's secrets!

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TO A CHAPLAIN'S MEMORY

He lies in state. A rugged man of God Whose simple words and simple acts remain Half-hidden in ten thousand soldiers' minds. And you, grey veterans, bowing there before Him, remembering that other day, Do you suppose these youngsters gathered here Think of those bloody battle fields where he In utter unconcern has worked and prayed? A strong man fights with guns and bayonets, And we reward him with a bit of silk; But "Padre" walked among you with a grin And said his say and did his mercy-deeds And never seemed to know that shells and bullets Were shouting out his name: his only weapons His faith and love of man. Well done, old "Padre," You are the last who would accept our tears; But we are weaklings armed; our rifles speak Our courage and our fears; the flesh must cringe.

You wander past again and call me "farmer," You touselled hair and twinkling eyes and homely Wit are warm with life, and some would say, "There goes the Second's hero of the Woods," I say, "There goes a man of God, a friend."

Cullen Jones, Quarters 6-B, Fort Douglas, Utah.
In Army-Navy Register

If you know what you're aiming at, you're more likely to hit it.

Production hold-up sometimes comes from holding back. More willingness can do more than more men.

People somehow feel that, if you believe in the right, everything will come out all right. The truth is that you've got to do right before anything right can happen at all.

If we hold too long to our right to be indifferent, we may lose too soon the right of being free.

Will the future of America be decided without our knowing it? Or do we know what we want and want it enough to stand out and fight for it?



USO Presents— HALLOWEEN PARTY, GIFT WRAPPING, BASKET BALL LEAGUE

An old-fashioned Halloween party will be sponsored as a joint project of the Columbus and Phenix City Salvation Army-USO's Saturday at 8:30 a. m. (EWT) in the Phenix City club . . . Featured will be apple-bobbing, houses of horrors and refreshment booths.

Columbus party guests will meet at the USO at 1323 Broadway from where they will go in a group to the Alabama unit . . . GI pumpkinheads are promised a copious supply of the fair sex for partners at the gala affair . . . The party will be costumed as far as practicable, and servicemen and WAC's will wear masks.

Another observance of the ancient and honorable October occasion will be "on the alert" for the welfare of his team, so each member of the huge American fighting team must keep on the alert for the welfare of his team and his country, now engaged in mortal combat with Axis enemies who are still powerful.

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Chaplain's Corner..

Chaplain F. M. Thompson

It is good to get dressed up and sit around; makes one feel better. A farmer finds relief in putting on his Sunday clothes. And I've heard of men in prison trying to keep up their morale with a tuxedo. The painful thing is to get dressed up, expecting to go somewhere and finding there is no place to go.

"You know Aunt J." writes a friend, "was always very active, always going places and now that she has to stay home, because of infirmity, she is very miserable. She seems to have no inner resources. We are all very sorry, but there's nothing we can do about it."

Aunt J. represents a host of people and there is nothing you can do for them. They have to live indoors and they know nothing of an indoor life—the life of reflection and meditation. Thrown back on themselves for enjoyment, contentment—they are restless, helpless, hopeless.

And many who are not infirm are likewise afflicted, young and old alike. For this has to do with our leisure time. How to use it?

Preparation is needful. And the best preparation is in the enrichment of the mind and heart, inner resources, something to draw upon, something that will save us from the emptiness of living.

Try religion!

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, lest the evil days come might in which thou shalt say, 'I have no pleasure in them.'"

"My principles aren't so high," said a school boy, "that I can't live up to them."

After a bad break do you go to pieces or pick up the pieces?

The great American alibi—"Everybody else does—why shouldn't I?"

It's cutting corners that dulls our edge.

porch, a nurse handed each a glass of water, another handed them a small transparent paper envelope, containing a small circular object. Without stopping to investigate, both opened the envelope, started to gulp the object. Just in time another nurse stopped them—objects were lapel medals given by the Red Cross, proclaiming that the wearer had donated blood!

•Corporal Holloway, Co. N, First Parachute Training Regiment, assisted all other members of the company by getting up for breakfast the other a. m.—first time in six months, they claim at Co. N. His appearance was greeted by cheers and applause.

Kay Says— SOLDIERS GIVEN LIFTS PROVIDE INTERESTING CONVERSATION TOPICS

On my infrequent trips to town with the car I've been giving a ride to soldiers who wait wistfully for someone to offer them a lift. This good Samaritan impulse is purely selfish. I've found that group riding in sometimes impracticable, especially when I'm rushed for time, and the prospect of driving in solitary splendor while crowded buses can't accommodate the overflow is more than even my hardened conscience can stand.

Besides saving my conscience, these "lifts" have led to some extremely interesting conversations. Soldiers, I have discovered, are infinite in their variety. They range all the way from the boy with the Harvard accent to the chap with the Texas tang in his voice. They are eloquent on the virtues of the Brooklyn and on the merits of the great plains. I learn the ages of their children and just how hard it is to find living accommodations. My husband, when I return with a mass of varied information, is beginning to wonder just how much information I divulge in return.

The soldiers, I find, are invariably grateful for the ride, but often comment on the number of ferreting them a lift. I find that the merits of the car afford an interesting subject of conversation. It is amazing what I know about the various makes of automobiles, as a result of listening to some soldier wax eloquent about his experience with different cars.

One half-hour's ride was spent in discussing "lady" barbers. It seems that some place in Fort Benning the scarcity of male help has led to the employment of women to do a bit of shearing. My informant, a civilian, was evidently

in charge of the barbershop. His desire for travel had led him into most of the states of the union and into a weird assortment of occupations. This same love of change, plus a tendency to enjoy a nip in moments of depression or exhilaration, had, he confided, lost him a "good woman."

Then there was the soldier who was going to Florida to open up his parents' winter home. I always thought I made a mistake in not pursuing that acquaintance farther; it's not often one meets a person with a winter home in Florida. There was the soldier who was escorting his bride here because she was too little and helpless to ride on the trains by herself. And there was the soldier who wanted suggestions as to what to buy for his wife's birthday. His wife, he said, was pretty well tied down with a small boy, and he thought she deserved something pretty nice.

I've discussed the proper formula for an ailing baby, the military appearance a winter blouse gives a soldier, the best method of imparting a shine to shoes, the Fortress of Europe, the blood bank, Minnesota's football team, signs of distemper in puppies. So far no one's broached the Einstein theory, thank heavens.

There are persons, I know, who think it's not quite safe to pick up a soldier. After all, there are "all kinds" in the army. Perhaps it's the severe hairdo and the slight shabbiness marking my customary appearance that makes a soldier decide I'm utterly respectable and not worth robbing. Or perhaps our soldiers are innately courteous. Anyhow, my share-thee acquaintances have proven founts of information and entertainment.

Sgt. McDonald's Basket

SARGE GOES ON F URLOUGH
UNBEKNOWNST TO OLE T. P.

By PVT. ELMER SAWGRASS

As I spun myself around in the Sarge's swivel chair this mornin' I shored war glad to recollect that he weren't nowhereabouts.

I figured that with him off I'd have me a wide open chance to buck for PFC. Warnt much to the job. All a guy had to do was keep the ol' man's chaw gum handy and be right smart with the visitors.

Only catch about this here job is having to take the Kernal's hound Carpenter out fer a walk. The Sarge has been having to do it but I reckon I'll have to do it now while he's at his stompin' grounds. I wouldn't mind it too much if that hound wasn't such an individual.

Well if my ol' coon houn' ears ain't a foilin' me I recollect I hears ol' T. P. acoming now! If that ain't his footsteps I'm a barnstormin' hoot owl. I'd better elevate my carcass from this here swivel chair. I shord don't want to none of them beans and combread what they serve over at the guardhouse.

"Howdy, Kernal," I said as the ol' boy come in.

"Howdy er I mean good mornin', Sawgrass" the ol' boy replied. How come the Sargeant isn't prevalent in this vicinity?

"He is a headin' fer the high corn, a gittin' his shoe tracks out of Gawja, Kernal."

"Shades of Salome, Sawgrass what am I going to do he's the only one in this office that understands my chawin' gum file. He can't do this to me. It's unhuman."

After all I've had done for him too. I even promised him a weekend pass for the spring of 1945. Isn't that gratitude for you?

"Shore is Sir," I said back. "I never would have done a thing like that, sir, I'm efficient."

"Carpenter will miss him too. They were such friends. The Sargeant was the only one who could analyze Carpenter's personality. This is a severe blow to me, Sawgrass. I'm emotional catadioptrical elusion."

"I'm a mighty good dog man, Kernal," I replied. "I've been a private in the army for 22 years."

"Sawgrass, I've got to take immediate action. This is all too utterly devastating to my routine."

"Have a piece of your TEE-BERRY PEPPERMINT chaw gum, Sir," I offered, at the same time reaching into the filing cabinet for it.

"Get outta that cabinet," the ol' boy roared, "Can't you read that sign up there? That compartment is secret and confidential."

"I'm powerful sorry, Sir. But the Sargeant chews out of it all the time. He ain't reliable like I am."

"Quit making alibis Sawgrass. An infantry soldier never alibis. He just answers 'Yes, Sir.'"

"Yes, Sir."

"Yes, Sir."

Mail-Call

OLIVER GENERAL HOSPITAL
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE
Augusta, Georgia
October 15, 1943

THE BAYONET
Fort Benning, Ga.
Sir:

On September 24, 1943, this office released a story on Lt. Robert Howarth, a graduate of Fort Benning O.C.S.

Because of a misunderstanding Lt. Howarth was quoted incorrectly. The statement read: "But on one thing the School is definitely off the ball, and that is in how to throw a grenade. His advice is to forget all the school taught you about the shot-pup technique. Most Americans are good pitchers—throw them as a baseball, he says, for greater distance and better accuracy."

What Lt. Howarth actually said was, that in battle the soldier will forget school techniques and adopt some field expediency that will give him greater speed and accuracy. He did not, however, disparage the school's method of teaching, nor of its value as a basic training aid.

Lt. Howarth has requested this office that if possible to inform you of this misquotation. It would be greatly appreciated if you were to publish this correction.

Sincerely,
LOUIS C. FINK
1st Lt., Med. Adm. C.

Chapel Forms Junior Choir

The Main Post Chapel has recently organized a Junior Choir composed of 20 children. The organization rehearses Friday nights at 6:30 o'clock and sings at Sunday evening services at 6:30 o'clock.

This Sunday night they will sing Fanny Knowlton's anthem "Lift Up Your Heads" with solo parts to be taken by Eleanor Pollock and Peter Schaefer.

The following are members of the choir: Rodney French, Mary Ann Tuttle, Martens Parker, Pat Peters, Dorothy Snyder, Peter Schaefer, Betty McNulty, Roddy Parker, Helen Ruth Rester, Joan Goss, Jean Goss, Dorothy Ann Goss, Clifford Brown, Sylvia Brown, Joe Schilling, Katharine Andis, Daisy Leedy, Mary Lou Jeff, Eleanor Pollock, and Elvin Krick.

JWB Director Gets New Job

Edward Korn, director in charge of social welfare work for the Jewish Welfare Board at Ninth Street USO, has resigned his position in Columbus to become director of activities of the St. Louis Young Men's Hebrew Association and the Young Women's Hebrew Association.

He will assume his new position in St. Louis Nov. 1. His new assignment will be with one of the largest metropolitan group work agencies in the country, according to JWB spokesmen in Columbus.

Korn has been with the USO since 1941, being one of the pioneer directors in the field. He has been director in the Columbus area 18 months.

Before entering USO work, Korn held social group work positions at Brown House, Hudson Guild and other settlements in New York City.

Chutists Required To Make Night Jumps to Qualify

Uncle Sam's paratroopers, now going through the Parachute School at Fort Benning make night and technical jumps before gaining their wings and becoming members of the fast growing Airborne Command.

Col. Ridgely Gaither, commandant of the school, in discussing the change in training, said lessons learned from actual combat jumps were being incorporated in the training course for novices. Night jumping and two tactical jumps have replaced the former three straight, qualifying jumps, but the fundamentals of the preparatory training for actual jumps remain the same.

"Our troops are ground troops," said Colonel Gaither, "so the tactical jumps are but a continuation of the infantry training. Our men jump with a definite mission and we are teaching them how to carry it out. The parachute is but a means of reaching the objective, and once they land, paratroopers are foot soldiers prepared to fight it out with the best of them."

All volunteers for that arm of service, the Paratroopers go through three weeks of training before they reach their "jumping stage."

Three parachute regiments in addition to the regular parachute training regiment now are going through the school here. Colonel Gaither said injuries averaged only one per cent among all the jumpers, a figure that has been consistently low.



Alert Luckies Quickly Spot 'Nazis' In Camp

The eight of two Nazi corporals nonchalantly strolling through the Seventh Armored Division Sand Hill area last week startled some GIs, but Maj.-Gen. Lindsay McDonald Silvester's armorers for the most part were on the alert and met the situation as befitted well-trained troops.

Although a few of the men believed that German prisoners of war might have escaped from a nearby prisoner of war camp, most of them had read the daily orders and knew that the situation was a pre-arranged demonstration staged by G-2 (military intelligence) and Headquarters C. C. "A."

First soldier to act upon the situation was Lt.-Col. Allen Fadness, who roared, "What are you two Germans doing here?" when he noticed Pvt. Vivian Bazzle and Pfc. Paul F. Sadowski in panzer and artillery lance corporals' uniforms. Neither "Nazi" answered nor even slowed his gait, so the colonel called the sergeant of the guard, had the two men arrested and held at his headquarters pending their removal to the stockade.

He even went so far as to call G-2, asking if someone there wanted to question the "prisoners" before he learned that he was holding two stalwart soldiers from the Seventh Armored Division. Maj. Joseph Ford from C. C. "A" then stepped in and told the officer that the "Nazis" were really Seventh Armored enlisted men touring the division under his supervision as part of a visual education demonstration. Major Ford praised his superior officer though for his quick thinking in the "emergency."

Ex-Lawsonite Was First Yank To Land In Sicily

Colonel Jerome B. McCauley of the Troop Carrier Command, and formerly commanding officer of a troop carrier group which was stationed at Lawson Field at Fort Benning last year, was the first man to reach Sicily during invasion of the Italian stronghold, according to advices reaching Lawson Field at Fort Benning.

According to details reaching friends at Fort Benning, Col. McCauley, who left here last Fall, is believed to be the first man to reach Sicily during invasion of that island.

At the head of a long stream of troop carrier planes, he led a five and a half hour flight from an advance air base in North Africa. Enemy anti-aircraft fire placed hundreds of bullet and shrapnel holes in the carrier, but did not cause any damage that slowed the flight and the men "did a magnificent job," Col. McCauley stated later. He praised the efficiency and high morale of the paratroopers and also praised the job that the Troop Carrier Command did in supplying ground troops and fighter squadrons.

It's good to know diseases since Some people must endure them; But diagnosis fails us if We don't use it to cure them.

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Girl Scouts

Girl Scout leaders and assistants: Attention, please! There will be a leaders' course given in Columbus Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 4, 5, and 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Columbus time, in the recreation room of Trinity Episcopal Church, on First Avenue across from Kirven's store.

Work shop of the course will be held Thursday and Friday afternoons from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., Columbus time.

It is hoped that all leaders and assistants can arrange to attend the first meeting, Thursday, Nov. 4, and as many thereafter as possible, also the square dance party Friday evening Nov. 6, at 8 p.m.

Anyone interested in Girl Scouting is cordially invited to attend this course.

The schedule for Girl Scout meetings for the present year will be as follows:

Troop, Pine Tree: leader, Mrs. Berkowitz; day, Mondays, 2:45 p.m.

Troop, Brownies: leader, Mrs. Maxwell; day, Tuesdays, 2:45 p.m.

Troop, Fifth Grade: leader, Mrs. Donahue; day, Friday, 2:45 p.m.

MONDAY PAY DAY

Pay day at Fort Benning will be Monday, November 1, it was announced today at post headquarters. With the month of October containing five week ends between pay days, soldiers on the post undoubtedly are looking forward with high anticipation to the feel of folding money and pockets jingling with coins.

So the G. I.'s at Fort Benning have only six more days to wait for the highly welcome monthly event.

Can we, with the force of our ideas, hold the people we have conquered by the force of arms?

No one is more anxious to help you get the best possible telephone service than the telephone men and women who are helping provide it. So if your calls are delayed—especially during rush periods—you can know that telephone people are doing everything they can. Facilities can't be expanded to meet all demands at all times, because telephone materials have gone to war too.

RESCUED AGAIN

Saved from the stockade, the two Combat Command Nazi impersonators continued on their way, with the major following about 50 yards behind taking notes on enlisted men's reactions.

After appearing in company mess halls and drill fields, the men were again apprehended by a group of officers who trailed the "Nazis" for several yards and then ordered them into a building after arresting them.

Then the major came to the rescue for the second time by explaining what was taking place. Both Pfc. Sadowski and Private Bazzle said that enlisted men seemed very much interested in the enemy uniforms, and that they asked numerous questions.

According to G-2, both uniforms were "the McCoy" taken from prisoners of war, and not Hollywood studio "props." Privates Bazzle and Sadowski, looking their parts, played their roles convincingly. They also enjoyed the ensuing notoriety immensely, but prefer garb styled by Uncle Sam.

Although they liked their unique assignment, both men confessed that they always worried a bit for fear some guard might get an itchy trigger finger and end their military careers too soon. The major saw to it that they were protected that they might get a crack at a real enemy at a later date.

LAWSON FIELD LASS—Pin-up queen of the lads who fly "the sky blue yonder" is sultry, curvaceous Mary Allen who does a man-sized job at the Sub-Depot of the air base. . . . Hailing from Hatcher, Alabama, she went to high school at nearby Hartsboro and like last week's glamourite was also a tomboy. . . . Played a lot of basketball and softball at school. . . . Came to Columbus soon after graduation and has been round and about ever since. . . . Started working at Benning a year ago, and has performed a wide variety of jobs working as a mechanic at motor maintenance shops, a clerical at Officers' Club, a paint-sprayer at Lawson, and now her present task as an apprentice electrician at the Sub-Depot where she actually does minor wire repair jobs on the big planes. . . . Lives in the civilian dorms and manages to keep rather busy most of the time in off-duty hours. . . . Likes to dance, read, howl and swim and is also an ardent sports fan, especially football. . . . Not strikingly beautiful as pin-ups that have preceded her, she possesses the rare ability to pose a la Hollywood. . . . Photog Don Kortemeier was delighted with her as a model because she practically fell into this post. . . . That sultry expression caught above by the camera would even do movie temptress Gene Tierney justice. . . . ALLEN ON MEN: "I like men. They play a pretty important part in my life, and I don't see how I'd get along without them, particularly one that I met here about a month ago."

VITAL STATISTICS: Height—5'3". Weight—124. Bust—34. Waist—26. Hips—36. Eyes—Templingly blue. Hair—Brunette. Complexion—Olive. Yea man! (Signal Lab Photo by Sgt. Don Kortemeier.)

Benning-Hatched Pigeon Wins Battle Spurs

How "Yank," a pigeon bred at Fort Benning, performed one of the outstanding feats of the war so far in delivering an important message, was revealed today as the personnel of the pigeon lofts of the Signal Corps at the post were informed of their bird's activities.

"Yank" flew 90 miles in an hour and 55 minutes in rainy weather to bring a message of the retreat of Italian armies in Tunisia last March. The message enabled American Army headquarters to estimate an important tactical situation and keep up with what was going on at a distant fighting front.

The bird was hatched at Fort Benning and then sent to Camp Pickett, Virginia, for battle training. It was among a group of Signal Corps carrier pigeons sent to Africa. Whereabouts of the bird and its present duties—if it is still alive—are unknown.

Chapel Choir Begins Rehearsal Of Yule Music

The Fort Benning Chapel Choir has already started work in rehearsing Christmas music, it is announced. The choir is anxious for new members to join the organization. Men and women on the post who have done choir work are asked to attend Friday rehearsals at 8 p.m., and to sing at Sunday morning services beginning at 10:30 a.m. All voices are welcomed, but tenors and sopranos are especially needed.

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Heroes Of Two Wars Grace 1st STR Roster

Heroes of both World Wars crowd the roster of the 2nd Company, 1st Student Training Regiment, the Infantry School. Among officers whom the current war has called away from the states is Captain Richard L. Harris, who, at 23 is one of the youngest infantry officers of his grade. With the "Fighting First" Division, he fought through seven campaigns in North Africa and Sicily and wears the Distinguished Service Cross and Silver Star for his exploits there.

Harris was commissioned a second lieutenant, Officers Reserve Corps, in June 1941, when he graduated from Georgetown University, where he had completed ROTC. His gold bars turned to silver in July 1942, and in turn sprouted the double shoulder irons of a captain in May 1943.

Other officers with foreign service are Captain William G. Downey, who was stationed in Iceland, Captain Alfred L. Stevens, from Panama, and Major Wayne G. Springer, who served in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands. Major Charles P. Baldwin was with our southern neighbors and allies. After eight months as military attaché to El Salvador, he was detailed with the Chilean army for six months.

Lieutenant Colonel Anson J. Smalley was on the Mexican border in 1916, later went into combat with the 42nd "Rainbow" Division of the AEF in France. Lieutenant Colonel Roy F. Goggin also

Seven Parachute Officers Promoted

The following promotions in the 515 Parachute Infantry were announced by the War Department last week:

Promoted to the rank of major, Captain Burton N. Everett, Elmira, N. Y., Regimental S-4.

Promoted to the rank of captain, 1st Lieut. Albert C. Reinert, Fort Hill, Long Island; 1st Lt. Wolfson, Los Angeles, Cal.; Joseph N. Rogerkamp, Taunton, Mass.; Webster E. Coombs, Whitefield, New Hampshire.

Promoted to the rank of 1st lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. John K. Grube and William Ricker, both of Chicago, Ill.

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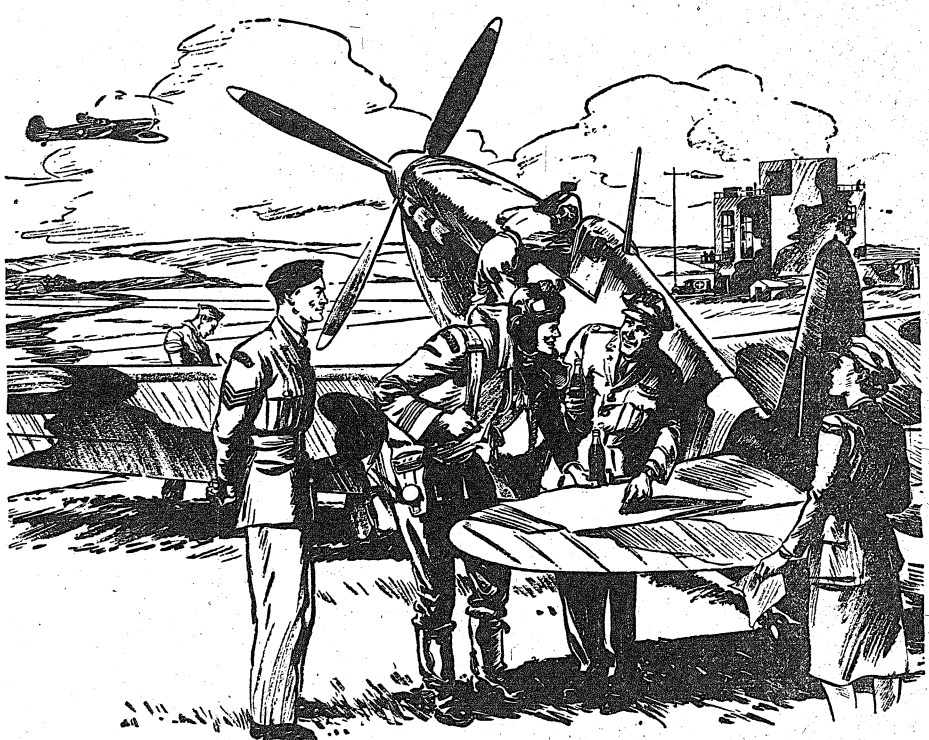
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Sportscasting

BY SGT. CARL NEU

A GREAT TEAM IS BORN

A great football team came into being on the battle-scarred turf of Doughboy Stadium on Sunday afternoon. Wearing the colors of the 176th Infantry, famed old regiment whose history dates back to the days of George Washington and Patrick Henry, a group of highly-touted former collegiate gridmen suddenly developed into a well-knit eleven in the midst of battle. Up until Sunday, the Spirits were just another all-star team, capable of playing great ball for short periods and somewhat lackadaisical ball for longer periods. In their first three games, they had shown promise and little else as they won one and lost two.



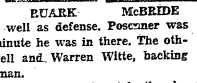
But against the 300th Sabers, their arch rivals on the gridiron, the Spirits became a great team. They played together not like all-stars but like a college eleven that had trained and played together for a couple of seasons. To this writer it was a revelation to watch eleven men coordinate their efforts so magnificently. This despite the fact that a couple of the outstanding players had joined the team only ten days before.

Much of the credit for this teamwork and the splendid fighting spirit which the Spirits used to such great advantage in toppling the 300th must go to mid-mannered, popular Bud Pollock, the head man of 176th grid destinies. More formally he's Capt. Lee D. Pollock, a graduate of Pennsylvania Military College and one of the best-like officers in the Spirit regiment. Up until now, he's been in the background, which he definitely prefers, but the performance of his team spoke for him to the tune of 14-0 Sunday. He's the kind of a coach that pigskinners really like to play football for. After that victory, he was the happiest guy in the world, and had the highest praise for every man on the team. With Pollock at the helm, the Spirits may go a long way on the gridiron this fall.

LINE-PLAY MAGNIFICENT

Magnificent is the only word we know of that could adequately describe the performance of that 176th line against a Saber forward wall that was considered as tough as any in the nation. With a couple of Professor Wally Butts' most apt pupils, George Poschner and Walter Ruark leading the way along with Notre Dame's Bob McBride, the Spirit forwards just simply outgamed and outsmarted their Saber rivals. Joe Routh, the great All-American from Texas A. and M., was as usual a Rock of Gibraltar in there for the 300th, but even his fine work was overshadowed by the over-all performance of the entire Spirit rush line.

Those big tackles, Johnny Cagle from Clemson and Frank Heidel from Missouri, were towers of strength. Heidel blocked two punts himself, one of them resulting in the first touchdown. The second he not only blocked, but also recovered near midfield at a crucial point in the game. Cagle was all over the field, playing brilliantly on offense as well as defense. Poschner was simply an All-American every minute he was in there. The other ends acquitted themselves well and Warren Witte, backing up the line, was a reliable pivotman.



RUARK, McBRIDE

But in the final analysis it was the guards who stole the show. We seriously doubt if there are two more courageous guards anywhere in the nation than Ruark and McBride. The ex-Bulldog, who joined the 176th just ten days before the game gave the great Routh a tooth-and-nail battle. McBride, who served as field captain of the winners, was all over the gridiron. He was truly a Notre Dame performer. The rugged Irishman never gives up. If he's taken out of a play he's up again in a flash and following down field. His blocking is vicious and his tackling is tooth-rattling. He's as fine a competitor as we ever watched in moleskins.

WATERFIELD AND ROGERS

In dishing out plaudits to the Spirit line, however, one cannot overlook the performances of 176th backs, particularly Bob Waterfield and Cullen (Slick) Rogers. Some fans seem to misunderstand Waterfield's mission as pilot of the T-formation. They seem to think he should mix it up more, do more blocking and the like. That's okay to presume, but it doesn't work that way. The man-at-the-switch of the T-model offense has a peculiar job. He's a craftsman who usually has to play the entire game. He's got to save himself. Without Waterfield, the Spirits would be a ship without a rudder. He played all but three minutes Sunday, 60 minutes against the 124th. And his kicking and passing were just as fine at the close of the game as the start.



Also, he's the key figure in the deception of the system. To the uninitiated, it may seem he does a lot of running away from the play after handing the ball to another back crashing into the line. Well, my friends, it's designed that way. He's the decoy. But Sunday, when the Sabers least expected it, the decoy suddenly turned up with the ball slily tucked behind his hip and streaking towards the goal line. And he made it on the prettiest hidden-ball play we've ever tried to see. That one play paid off for an afternoon of decoy work because it sewed up the half-game. That's the T-formation, and we'll take Waterfield as the pilot any day, any place. He's a past master of a grid game that few can even comprehend.

All of Bob's skill, though, would be wasted if he didn't have clever helpers in the backfield. Fortunately with the Spirits, he has them. Rogers, the former Texas Aggie led, is a natural faker. So is Sully Harris, the former LSU flash. Many times Sunday, fans or Sabers could not find the pigskin. Rogers, too, played a great defensive game. He backed up that line like a demon, and when he carried the apple himself, you almost heard the Saber wall wince. He hits like a rocket and really explodes with speed in the open as he did on the pass interception which led to the second and final score.

"Lucky 7th" Armored Medics Down Officer Rivals In Disputed Tilt

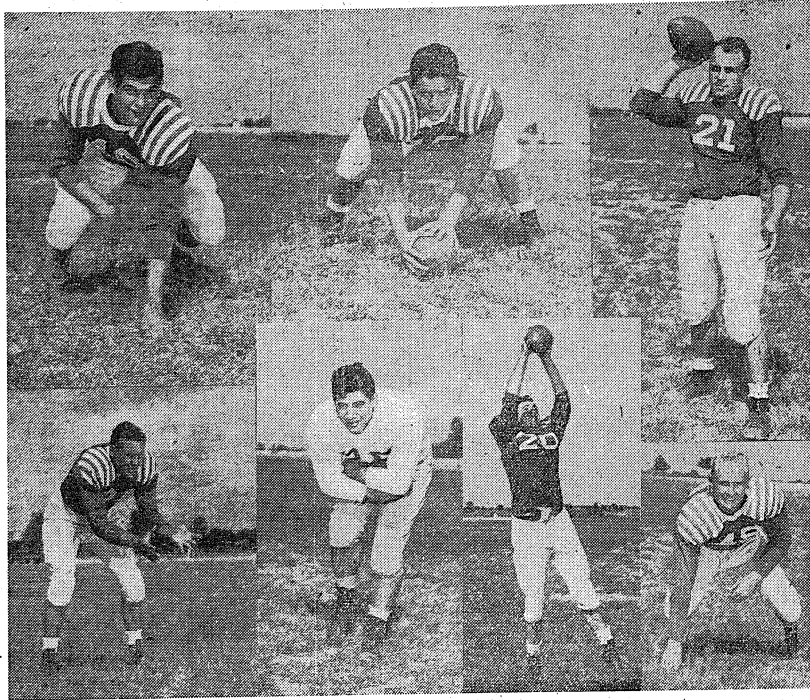
There's always two sides to a story. The winning team summed it up thusly, according to one of their players: "We were outgamed, but never outthought." The team on the lower end of the score was reluctant to concede a bona fide defeat. That touchdown pass was somewhat of a fluke, it's pointed out by the griders. "We haven't quit by any means. We're angling for another crack at those guys."

All of which makes prospects bright indeed for a return tussle between the 7th Armored Medical officers and the officers of Combat Command "B," Lucky 7th Armored Division. Despite considerable quibbling on either side the final score was in the books 7-0 in a hotly contested, 8-man touch football game played recently on a hastily laid out gridiron opposite Gill Range.

The play causing much controversy and resulting in the Medics' lone tally and margin of victory came late in the second period. A CCB back, on an attempted interception of a pass by Person, succeeded only in deflecting the ball into the waiting arms of Person, who romped the remaining yardage without any trouble. Person then flipped to Malloy for the point after touchdown.

Daniel Field Fliers Invade Stadium On Sunday For Return Tilt With Saber Foe

High-Fliers From Daniel Field



THESE SEVEN pigskin aces from the Augusta, Ga., flying field will romp on the turf at Doughboy Stadium on Sunday afternoon when they seek revenge for an early season defeat against the 300th Sabers. At the top, left to right, are: Vince Seintone, ex-Michigan tackle; George Hebson, former Illinois star; and Johnny Predl, one of two passing aces in the Flier backfield. Below you can see Johnny Sylvestre, flashy tailback from Temple; Joe Liscio, former Brooklyn College line-bucker; John Holmes, ex-North Carolina State pass-snagger; and John Higgins, former Centre College lineman. (Photographs by U. S. Army Air Corps.)

Red Sox Squad Will Be Feted Friday Night

All Service Loop Teams To Attend F. B. A. A. Party

The 1st STR Red Sox, 1943 diamond champions of the First Benning Service League, will be honored at a baseball party tomorrow night which will be attended by members of all teams that participated in the circuit.

Tendered by the Fort Benning Athletic Association, sponsors of the eight-club loop, the affair will be held in the old 24th Infantry rec hall on the main post from 7 until 9 o'clock.

ASTP Cage Loop Gets Under Way

Basketball, the "Queen of Indoor Sports," opened for the fall season at the Harmony Church Sports Arena last Thursday night with 10 ASTP teams battling from whistle to whistle.

The huge arena was filled with teams and more teams, some in gaudy red uniforms, sedate black and whites and various assortments of color. Some not so fortunate were clad in odds and ends and GI underwear, but all in all it was a good show and the quality of ball played was above the average for this early stage of the season.



GRID PAIR—Sgt. John (Jazz) Magoni is shown above discussing gridiron strategy with his son, Chuck, star quarterback for the Columbus High School Blue Devils, one of the best prep elevens in the southeast. (Signal Lab Photo by Sgt. Don Kortemeyer.)

Jazz Magoni's Son Makes Good As Quarterback For Star Columbus High Team

BY CPL. JOHNSTON C. WOODALL

Master Sgt. John (Jazz) Magoni of the Weapons Section, I.S.S.C., and Charles (Chuck) Magoni, Columbus High School Blue Devil quarterback, are not only a father-son strategy board but a football pair as well!

Panthers Bow To Clark Foe In Hard Game

3rd STR Eleven's Blocked Kick Is Deciding Play

A stubborn Panther eleven from the 3rd STR went down before a last-ditch rally of Clark College in Atlanta last Thursday night to lose its fourth straight tilt, 12-7.

Even in defeat, though, the Benning soldiers played their best football of the season against an outstanding collegiate array.

Blocked punt with only two minutes of play remaining proved the break in the game.

Near the close of the tilt with the Panthers leading 7-0, Othello Renfro, Clark pivotman, broke through to smear Kennedy's kick and recover the ball on the 3rd STR's 16-yard yard line.

The junior Magoni gives these three credits: Lt. Col. Virgil Nye, head of boy's activities here; Capt. Bob Ayers, who coached him as a fullback on last year's "Jeep" eleven; and Alex Truitt, C. H. S. mentor, who have all combined to teach him football.

"Like most army kids, he's shooting for West Point," the father said earnestly when queried about his son's future wish.

Now for Magoni the elder—the sarge "played" football on the 1923-24 I. S. D. team as a tackle,

Augusta Air Base Eleven Boasts Array of Ex-Collegiate Player

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Holmes (N. C. State)	LE Gilmore (Maryland)
Seintone (Michigan)	LT Smithwick (Nevada)
Hebson (Illinois)	LG Routh (Texas A. & M.)
Ballard (L. S. U.)	C Brzinski (St. Cloud)
Sedlewicz (Villanova)	RG Arms (Oklahoma A. & M.)
Busby (Santa Barbara State)	RT J. Robinson (Baylor)
Lombberger (Northwestern)	RE Simmons (Tul. (Tennessee))
DiTomo (Temple)	QB Allen (Kentucky)
Sylvestre (Temple)	RH Simcox (Long Beach J. C.)
Crossland	FB DiBlasi (Wash. & Lee)
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RECORDS OF RIVALS

DANIEL FIELD	300TH INFANTRY
13 Georgia Naval Pre-Flight	19 65 Draper Prison
6 300th Infantry	39 19 124th Infantry
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Jack Holmes of North Carolina State.

Lending versatility to the Daniel Field offense is another former Temple Owl, Johnny Sylvestre at the tailback post. A slick inside away runner, he started in the touchdown romp against Presbyterian. Hal Crossland at wingback and Dick Predl at fullback will probably complete the Flier backfield quartet.

LISCIO READY

Joe Liscio, the regular first-string fullback from Brooklyn College, is still nursing a bad knee but is expected to be ready for considerable action against the Benning eleven.

The center of the Daniel Field line boasts plenty of heft and experience and expects to give the Sabers front wall a real battle this time. At tackles, Stovall can choose between Ken Busby, 252-pounder from Santa Barbara State; Vince Seintone, ex-Michigan line star; and Bob Berryman, giant Stanford tackle of a few years ago.

200-POUND LINES

Joe Sedlewicz from Villanova

and George Hebson from the University of Illinois are the starting guards, while either LSU's Shelton Ballard or Minnesota's Earl Nelson will get the call at center. There is little to choose between the two pivots. The Flier line averages 230 pounds while the Sabers go about 180 which gives them a weight advantage over the 300th behind the line, since the Saber wall is just as big as the visitors.

The humbled 300th eleven is expected to come up for Sunday's game fighting mad after its two recent defeats. The Big Blue is still hampered by injuries, however, which may weaken it some. Bill Meek, Moon Mullins and Bill Nowling, three of the best Saber backs, did not see any action against the 176th, and are expected to be used only sparingly against the Fliers.

One thing is sure it is bound to be a hard fought game all the way with a team that has suddenly found its stride trying to fight off once again a team that is rebounding after two stinging defeats.

3rd STR Sergeant Picks Grid Winners

Staff Sgt. William V. Jackson of the 9th Company, 3rd Student Training Regiment, was the winner of the \$15 first prize in the Bayonet's big football score guessing contest for the games played last week-end.

Second prize of seven dollars went to Pvt. Edmund Tracz of Company A, 653rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, and third prize of three dollars was won by Pfc. Wesley F. Roth of Battery B of the 440th Field Artillery Battalion.

Due to an inadvertent typographical error in the ad printed last Thursday, the dead-line was given as noon, October 21. Although the error was corrected in the Daily Bulletin and over the radio, it was responsible for a decrease in the number of entries.

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The dead-line will always be noon on the Saturday games are played, and the letters must bear such a postmark.

All military personnel at Fort Benning is invited to join the fun and guess for cash. The contest will continue through the current football season. This week's entry blank will be found in page nine of the Daily Bulletin and over the radio, it was responsible for a decrease in the number of entries.

Spirits Were "Team That Wouldn't Be Beaten" In 300th Battle

A team that can't be beat, won't be beat. That was the feeling of the 176th football team before Sunday's game with the Sabers and after the smoke had cleared they had proved their point. There was little doubt in the minds of those 20,000 pigskin fans, that the most powerful grid machine at Fort Benning.

While there was no outstanding individual player, there were many who can be singled out as important contributing factors. On the line, the play of George Poschner was a sight to behold as he was the fifth man in the Saber backfield. Time and time again, the Spirit end knifed through the 300th forward wall to halt a play before it got underway.

In the tackle slots, Coach Bud Pollock couldn't have had a more durable pair than Frank Heidel and Johnny Cagle. While the praise of the Benning team goes to the Sabers, the Benning team has been justly sung to the sky.

It was a game worth winning—a game well won. A game where a vastly superior line showed a packed house how to play real football.

Following the Spirits' fray with Southwestern Louisiana Institute a couple of weeks ago, a lot of fans asked the question: "Who is SLI?—We've never heard of this team." Well, it is the last of us felt until we heard another score on Sunday. Over in Georgetown, Texas, that same SLI eleven blasted us a heretofore unbeaten Southwestern University juggernaut by a score of 27 to 6, missed in the next Spirit-Saber Getting back to local football tussle on November 21st.

CAPT. BUD POLLOCK ... Winning Coach

again, the 300th have suffered a serious casualty, but it didn't happen on the gridiron. Al Solari, their fancy high-stepping quarterback, has been ordered to the Air Force. A fine competitor. No. 26 will be missed in the next Spirit-Saber tussle on November 21st.

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RULES OF THE CONTEST:

1. Only Fort Benning Military personnel are eligible to enter the contest.
2. All scores must be marked in the space indicated in each ad on this page.
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Life In Blitzed Hawaii Back To Normal After Pearl Harbor, Nurse Says

Life on Hawaii and in blitzed Pearl Harbor has once again returned to normal as possible and all is quiet out that way, according to Lieutenant (jg) Ruth Styron, navy nurse, who is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Captain and Mrs. Robert C. Welland, at Fort Benning. Captain Welland is post classification officer.

Although there is no worry on the island and all feel safe, Lt. Styron said, blackouts still continue, commencing every night at six. "After that there just isn't anything to do, so everyone goes to bed," she said. "Also there is no rationing on the island. Never has been. Always plenty of coffee, meat and sugar, that was the best part of our life out there."

Nurse Styron explained that a navy nurse's work differs considerably from that of her army counterpart. In that the navy nurse does not tend to the sick. Her job is to train others, sailor corpsmen, to do the actual job of nursing. Aside from land duty, navy nurses are stationed on transport and hospital ships only. On board fighting ships, the corpsmen, who correspond to the army enlisted medics, tend the sick and wounded, and aid doctors in operations. Lt. Styron worked in the chief nurse's office.

On the dating situation, Nurse Styron said that there are approximately 500 men to every woman in that area, which, according to her, was difficult to say the least. Too, navy nurses are not allowed to date enlisted personnel, which the corpsmen do not like or want to understand.

Lt. Styron entered the navy nurse corps at Mare Island near San Francisco, in October, 1941, and went to Hawaii shortly after Pearl Harbor to aid in evacuating families of navy personnel. On her blouse she wears three decorations, the pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, Pacific Theatre bar, and a transport duty award, all of which she won during her two years' service.

South Sea Isles Nothing Like Hollywood Variety

BY OC ARTHUR BARSCHDORF

Fourth Coming in a Johnny Weissmuller in the comforting atmosphere of The Infantry School most OCs probably draw a beautiful breeze, romantic, breath-taking scenery, sargoned and shapely native beauties and all that stuff.

It's only rumor, my dear. If the native women only slightly resembled the movie version it would have helped sustain our memories of American girls. The scenery, bathed in the magic of a tropical moon is romantic enough, but what good is romance if there is no sweet young thing to share it with?

Imagining just made us feel worse, and we'd take out a month-old letter from the "one and only" and read it for the 100th time. Yeah, we could dream, but it was mostly a nightmare.

Our food wasn't so bad. Nobody built himself into a Johnny Weissmuller, but canned rations kept our stomachs comfortably filled. Every one of us will just habitually carry a can-opener after this war is over.

With semi-wild cattle on the islands it naturally followed that the Texas men in our outfit should form a "russin'" unit to get us fresh meat. Once a week we would have either a big, juicy but rather tough steak or some tender roast beef. However, mixed with occasional culinary delicacies from inspired cooks and bakers, our homely mess-wits often times took on the appearance of a banquet spread.

During the days we worked. Our week was short, only a 10- or 12-hour day, seven days a week.

STRIKES BURN US UP

Learning of strikes back in the States used to burn us up but probably wouldn't have bothered us so much if we could have gotten a good night's sleep. If it wasn't an air raid, it was our bovine friends munchin' and mooing under our bunks, practically. Then one night there isn't a single moo or blast of the air raid horn. So that night the artillery decides to do a little night firing, maybe the quartermaster has to move barge loads of supplies on those "quiet" army trucks.

But we almost had a night's sleep once. We weren't awakened until 2:30 a. m., when we learned that a poor 'ill neep had got stuck in the mud. It got unstuck at 5 a. m.

When people here think of the Solomons they immediately think of Japs and killing and bombing. We worried only about the bombs most of the time, but only a little bit because we had a good dug out. Two weeks of sweating and shoveling, but it was worth it to feel safe. Only trouble was that the dugout filled with water every time it rained.

"Every time it rains" doesn't mean very often here in Georgia but in the Solomons it means every day, and that's how often we bailed out our dugout.

The army says our tents are waterproof but I guess no one figured on tents being exposed to the rains of the South Seas. The 12-ounce lined tent, with its one or two replies, a friendly little cuss, used to take his daily bath right in the middle of our bunk.

Speaking of hazards reminds us that they were another cause for sleepless nights. They had an annoying habit of crawling all over us and the bunks just about the time we tried to go to sleep.

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